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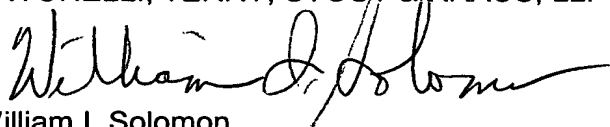
Applicants have amended the specification of the above-identified application, prior to examination of the above-identified application, in order to identify on page 1 thereof all prior applications of the above-identified application that are being relied upon under 35 USC §120; to update the status of No. 09/182,438 and No. 09/618,999; and to incorporate the contents of No. 09/182,438 by reference in the present application. Note that the present application uses the same Declaration under 37 CFR §1.63 as was filed in No. 09/182,438. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing case No. 501.36636CC3), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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